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GOVERNMENT HARD PRESSED.

JOYNSON HICK'S VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

LIBERALS TO THE RESCUE.

A NARROW MAJORITY.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, May 29.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and not Mr. Shaw took charge of to-night's debate on unemployment when Sir W. Joynson Hick's reintroduced his motion for a reduction of Mr. Shaw's salary, this being the equivalent of a vote of no confidence in the Government's unemployment policy. It had been a day of intense political excitement with talk of a possibility of dissolution. Ministry supporters were urgently whipped up for the division.

Mr. Asquith presided over the meeting of the Liberal party in the afternoon at which discussion of tactics proved inconclusive showing that Liberals are still acutely divided on the question of supporting the Government.

Sir Robert Horne opened the debate and declared that the country's patience was exhausted. The Government's record was one of hypocrisy and dismal failure. Mr. MacDonald's gaze was so fixed on the foreign horizon that he stumbled over his own doormat (Opposition cheers).

MR. MACDONALD'S DEFENCE.

Mr. MacDonald greeted with Ministerial cheers) regretted Sir Robert Horne's tub thumping. He agreed that the opinion of the country was changing but it was turning against the Opposition and in favour of Labour. He concluded by declaring that Sir Joynson Hick's motion was a vote of censure and if passed he assured the opposition that he would do his best to meet them on the platforms of the country (prolonged Ministerial cheers).

The last Government had left the present with bare cupboards for solution of the problem. He declared that unemployment schemes were inextricably involved with the problem of local rating and imperial taxation. The Government were proceeding on certain large arterial roads payable from central funds on which he hoped men would shortly be employed. He insisted that haste must not be unduly applied to intricate problems and dwelt on the importance of developing national schemes such as hydro-electric production and afforestation but preliminary investigations and the acquisition of necessary powers took time. He asserted that afforestation was bound up with the question of the land settlement scheme and expressed the opinion that the Government ought to plant at least 30,000 acres annually.

LIBERALS CONFEE.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech the Liberals trooped out of the House to hold a party meeting in regard to what attitude to adopt on the vote. Consequently, exceptional interest attached to the speech of Mr. Asquith a little later. He indicated at an early stage that Liberals were prepared to give the Government a little more time to turn round, contingent on the understanding that a vote and discussion be kept open in order that Liberals should be fully enabled to obtain a perfectly independent scrutiny of the results of the Government's proposals. As regarded the Premier's statement there had been a considerable addition to the House's previous knowledge of the Government's programme and he was for fair play to the inexperienced new Government (Ministerial cheers). He had no reason for loving Labour members but he was not so anxious to pay off old scores as he was to contribute whatever was possible towards a settlement of the unemployment problem.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin declared that the Conservatives were ready to meet Mr. MacDonald's challenge in the country whenever the Government threw it down.

THE BISLEY SHOOT.

NEW OVERSEAS COMPETITION.

RECORD ENTRIES.

LONDON, May 29.

Major-General Chaylesmore, presiding over the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association announced a new Bisley competition named "The Overseas." It was to be open to British subjects resident overseas and had been introduced in view of the large number of visitors from the Dominions. There would be a prize list of £100 and entrance fees would not be charged.

There would be a record number of competitors at Bisley this year including representative teams from Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Rhodesia, Natal, the Gold Coast and Malaya. Major Gen. Chaylesmore said that the Australians, who were holders of the Empire trophy, had again waived their right to have the match in Australia and were sportingly bringing the trophy to be contested at Bisley. He announced that the Prince of Wales had consented to present the prizes at Bisley this year.—Reuter.

MORE MISSIONARIES CAPTURED.

PEKING, May 29.

The English missionaries, Messrs. R. A. Jaffray and E. H. Carne, the American, Mr. Rex R. R. and Dr. H. G. Miller travelling from Wuchow to Peking aboard the American hospital ship "Roanoke" were captured by bandits at Taiwan, ten miles from Peking. The whole party was carried off to the hills. This is the party mentioned as proceeding to Kwelin with the object of succouring the missionaries at that beleaguered city with the approval of the local Chinese authorities, reports having reached Wuchow that two missionaries were killed at Kwelin. The American vice-consul, Mr. Chamberlain, has been sent to Wuchow from Canton to try to effect the release of captured men and see what can be done to help the missionaries at Kwelin. The British and American legations have drawn the attention of the Chinese Government to this latest outrage, requesting immediate steps towards release of the prisoners.—Reuter.

FOOCHOW, May 29.

Mr. Carroll at Shashien has received a letter from Mr. Ray dated the 26th stating that he is weak and hoping that early relief will be forthcoming.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S PROTEST.

A LENGTHY CABLEGRAM.

WASHINGTON, May 29.

Owing to its great length some time will be required to decode the Japanese protest to the American government in connection with the passage of the Immigration Bill which was received here by cable. The officials of the Japanese Embassy are doubtful whether the communication from Nian will be put into shape for presentation to Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, to-day.—Reuter's American Service.

The Government's suggested schemes would not prove a positive remedy for unemployment regarding which Labour were as far off as when they assumed office.

GOVERNMENT SAFE.

LATER.

In view of Mr. Asquith's speech it is generally accepted in the Lobby that the Government is safe to-night.

Sir Joynson Hick's motion was rejected by 300 votes to 252.

100 Liberals voted against Joynson Hick's motion and 30 abstained in response to Mr. Asquith's appeal to non-supporters of the Government policy, while 8 voted in opposition.

The debate on the main estimates was adjourned sine die.

HOME GOLF.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY.

Tolley Beaten In Fifth Round.

London, May 29.

At St. Andrew's in the fifth round of the Amateur Golf Championship, the Scottish International Denis Kyle beat Cyril Tolley by 3 and 2.

Tolley's defeat was all the more surprising as a feature of the fourth round this morning was the enormity of his and Wethered's victories.

Tolley beat Major Campbell (Tantallon) by 7 and 5. Wethered beat C. Leese (Wimslow) by 7 and 5. On the other hand Kyle beat Braid at the twenty-first hole after a terrific match.

In the fifth round two thousand spectators watched Tolley who was excellent but Kyle was at the top of his form. By steadily putting he was a hole up at the turn. Thereafter he inspired Wethered to beat Major Hazlet (Royal Portrush) by 3 and 2.

Caven beat 1. Sidebottom (Stockport) by 2 and 1. Harris beat W. Tweeddale by 3 and 2. Holderness beat John Wilson (Prestwick) by 3 and 2.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

INDIA V. HOLLAND.

Amstems, May 29.

Playing for the Davis Cup, Jacob (India) beat Van Lennep (Holland) 6-6, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 9-7, and Sleem (India) beat Timmer (Holland) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Van Lennep at the outset easily had the best of Jacob by means of better driving and beautiful drop-shot. Jacob was unsteady at the beginning but gained the upper-hand by steady base-line play. Van Lennep was fatigued after leading 5-4 in the fourth set and 7-6 in the final set.

Sleem was much the superior of Timmer who had no chance against Sleem's stonewall base-line play. Timmer was erratic in his smashes and volleys.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

"SOCCER" COMPETITION RESULTS.

Paris, May 29.

In the second round of the Olympic Games Soccer Competition Sweden beat Belgium by 8-1, Italy beat Luxembourg by 2-0, Egypt beat Hungary by 3-0 and Uruguay beat the United States by 3-0.

FRANCE'S FAMOUS BUILDINGS.

ROCKFELLER'S MILLION DOLLAR DONATION.

Paris, May 29.

John D. Rockefeller has informed Poincare that he is placing a million dollars at the disposal of the Franco-American committee for the reconstruction of the roof of Rheims cathedral, the restoration of Versailles Palace and fountains and urgent repairs in Fontainebleau castle and park.—Reuter.

LONDON BOXING.

TWO GOOD HEAVYWEIGHT BOUTS.

London, May 29.

At the Albert Hall, both being fifteen-rounds heavyweight contests, Phil Scott (London) beat the Australian George Cook on points and Jack Bloomfield knocked out Dick Smith in the fourth round.

ROYALTIES' ADIEU.

London, May 29.

Their Italian Majesties have left for Rome and were seen off by King George, Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales.—Reuter.



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Wealth of U.S.A.

A picturesque attempt to assess
the visible wealth of the United
States has just been made public
by the Department of Commerce.

According to these figures the
value of real and other property
had increased since 1912 from
\$43,325,000,000 to \$74,605,000,000
at the end of 1922. In other words,
there is to-day for every man,
woman, and child in the United
States property worth \$260, as
compared with \$450 ten years ago.

All classes of property increased
in money value, with the exception
of live stock, which decreased from
\$1,450,000,000 to \$1,350,000,000.
One of the most significant in-
creases is in the value of manu-
facturing machinery and tools other
than railways, which are estimated
at \$3,670,000,000, as compared
with \$2,225,000,000.

The money value of the railways
jumped from \$3,755,000,000 to
\$4,644,000,000. The value of
motor-cars, owned by one in every
eight Americans, is not estimated.

U.S. To Rule The World.

The Hon. Bertrand Russell, who
is on a visit here, startled dis-
tinguished audiences at luncheon
and dinner in New York by pre-
dicting that the United States
would soon enslave the world with
its great supply of gold. The hope
of the world is in a single govern-
ment with the sole control of
armaments, according to Mr.
Russell, and such a state can only
be achieved through financial
imperialism, with America playing
the chief role. There is an immense
amount of ignorant goodwill here,
the visitor said, but, speaking
frankly, American policy since
1914 can be explained in terms of
dollar interest. At no distant date
Mr. Russell foresaw the extension
of the American financial empire
over the whole of this Continent,
Western Europe, and the Near East
—an empire which would be in
the highest degree illiberal and
cruel, would crush trade unionism,
control education, and make life
everywhere ugly, uniform, labori-
ous, and monotonous. The world
will enjoy a peace broken only by
the dropping of bombs from
aeroplanes on strikes.

Mr. Russell advised the United States
to start by demanding that France
shall pay her debt, so as to bring
her to terms, and advised England
to build a great air fleet so as to be
able to "talk to France" on equal
terms. He bore with him the
greetings of the British League for
Party to the American League for
Democracy, and the
organization that "no far-reaching
Socialistic measures" were
possible under a minority
Government.

Madame Fahmy.

Madame Fahmy, whose revela-
tions in the French police concern-
ing an alleged plot to secure the
registration of the birth of an
imaginary heir to her late husband

have led to the arrest of
Cassah Bey, a moneylender, of
Cairo, spent three hours in giving
her evidence about the affair to
the examining magistrate. The
interview, of course, was not
public, but on leaving the
magistrate's office Madame Fahmy
said she had given the magistrate a
full story of her acquaintance with
Cassah Bey. She had never met
the man, she declared, when in
October last, soon after her
arrival at the Old Bailey of the
charge of having murdered her
husband in a London hotel, she
received a letter in which Cassah
Bey asked for an interview, in
which he would offer her an
opportunity of gaining 12,000,000.
She did not reply, but later
received another letter, in which
Cassah Bey offered to enrich her
by 64,000,000. This also was
left unanswered, and the next she
heard from Cassah Bey was a
telegram in which he announced his
intention to make the journey
from Cairo to see her. He was
never received at her flat, she
states, but watched her move-
ments until he found "an
opportunity to speak to her when
she was visiting friends. She
refused to answer him, and left
Paris for three months, but on her
return found him still as persistent
as ever. She then informed the
police of his alleged conspiracy to
secure the registration of an
imaginary birth of a son in order
that she should inherit her late
husband's property. She had re-
mained silent before, she says,
because she preferred that Cassah
Bey should remain in France until
the conclusion of a lawsuit in
which she was engaged in Cairo,
fearing that he might, if in Egypt,
seek to damage her cause. On
police advice she agreed that
Cassah Bey should find her accom-
modation in a certain nursing
home where he said he would
arrange all that was necessary to
carry out the deception, and it was
as Cassah Bey was leaving this

place, after having conducted her
there, that he was arrested.

Madame Fahmy declares that the
doctor in charge of the nursing
home is perfectly honest, and was
probably being deceived by
Cassah Bey as to the scheme he
had in mind.

Male and Female Virtues.

It would appear that in the past
men and women have laboured
under a good many delusions as to
the qualities which members of
each sex preferred in the other.

As a result of an inquiry carried
out among its readers a French
journal has been able to draw up a
comparative table showing the
order of importance of male vir-
tues, as judged by women, and
female virtues as judged by men.

Women readers asked to state in
order of value seven qualities
they most preferred in men ranked
intelligence first, followed by love
of home, benevolence, industry,
faithfulness, will-power, and
honesty. While it may cause
some surprise to find honesty last
on the list in women's estimation,
it is to be noted that men do not
mention it at all in their list of
seven best qualities in women.

The schedule of women's virtues
drawn up by male readers is
headed by love of home with
love of children second, follow-
ed by fidelity, kindness, tenderness,
devotion, and intelligence.

Here again is a surprise for
women no doubt, for they must
have expected such qualities as
beauty and taste to figure on the
list. The inquiry has also thrown
an interesting light on the degree
of toleration with which men and
women regard each other's minor
defects. The faults which women
most readily forgive in men are,
it appears, gluttony, a disposition
to teasing, and sedentary habits,
while men are most ready to over-
look in the other sex coquetry,
gluttony, and curiosity. To sum
up, then, we are asked to believe
that a woman's preference is for
the ordinary person who might be
described as an intelligent, good-
natured fellow, while a man looks
for a woman of whom her friends
might say: "Not pretty or very
clever, but so good"—which must
raise a doubt whether readers who
voiced on the subject wrote what
they really thought or what they
felt they ought to think.

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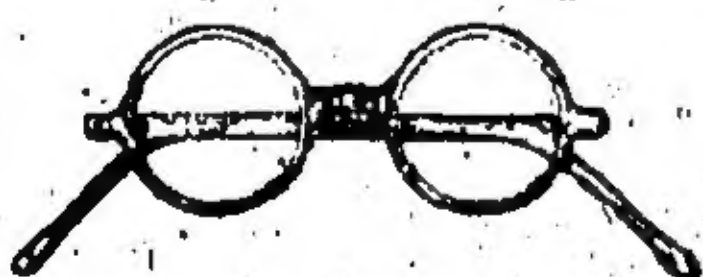
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DEATH.

CLAXTON.—On May 26, 1924, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, A. A. Claxton, dearly beloved husband of Cecile R. Claxton, and son of Rev. A. E. Claxton, aged 38 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1924.

THE CRUELTY BILL.

The Government might do worse than withdraw its Cruelty Bill. Thanks to its unpopularity in the matter of the at-first contemplated punishment of ships, S.P.C.A. has to carry out its self-officers—a contemplation happily sought labours in a spirit of

educational charity—it was to gain its end more by educational than prosecuting effort. It was admitted that most of the cruelty that prevailed was due to slackness of thought—indifference perhaps—which could be met by precept just as much by example. The question of prosecution was in the minds of at least one Chinese speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Society, and he was quickly assured by His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz on the matter. Are we to understand that educational propaganda has failed? Are we to agree with "A.B." that the present Bill is an attempt "to teach kindness to animals by putting human beings in Gaol"? If the former, then a Bill is probably needed. If the latter—then away with it. The Bill either needs a further overhaul or a withdrawal. It is amateurish. Our recent suggestion that it emanated from S.P.C.A. circles has not been contradicted, and though the absence of a contradiction does not prove anything, "silence gives consent."

Our Monuments.

We believe the Chinese unapologetically and unromantically call the place where most of our statues are to be seen, the stone-yard. Certainly statues in the aggregate would seem to justify the name given. In the light of day, they are however "not half bad." In the evening a gloom enfolds them and they are the meeting place of the Chinese lover; the undesirable; and the many who find a resting place for their ever weary bones. Certainly to see a couple, or even more, perched on statues—or the steps leading to them—that have been erected to the memory of departed heroes, is not a nice spectacle—and this was the case last night when a number were enjoying the space provided by the Bank's memorial. This sort of thing can easily be remedied. The memorial in question has several beautiful lamps connected with it. But are they ever lighted? We think not. Statue Square could be made a fairy-land at night if provision for lighting were attempted. There is a space round the glorious cenotaph for instance that would make that spot more beautiful than it is now. Think of the square as it was when the Prince was here, and look at it as it is on any night—a place of gloom. Perhaps those who love light and the association of it with beauty will bestir themselves and have a place of shimmering gloom transposed into a garden of light.

On the Peak.

Quite a number of people exist who say that "not for worlds" would they live on the Peak. They look at the mists of humidity that like a fleece of wool or snow, settles itself occasionally and hides houses most effectively, and feel glad they are on the lower levels or the plains of Kowloon. Living on the Peak has its compensations and one of them at this season of the year must be the coolth that tends to sweet repose. For the rest, it has its own particular problems and these are realisable after a glance through the Annual Report of the Peak Residents Association for 1923. The main burden of the complaints dealt with by and through the Association deal with the Peak Trams. It is not suggested these are incompetently managed. On the contrary. But complaints have been numerous of overcrowding to such an extent that "well-known residents" have at times been crowded out of cars which, having a supreme faith in Providence and human nature, they fully expected would carry them. But alas! the British army which as ever goes a—long way has been in possession and the well-known ones have had to cool their heels, and mentally indite letters to the overworked honorary Secretary of the Association. Such a problem as overcrowding seems easy of elucidation. What is wanted is a time-table of travelling residents. On certain crowded passenger steamers, the custodian of the bathroom arranged a time table. Thus it was known that Jack Jones took his ablutions at 6.30 a.m.; Bill Brown at 6.45 and so on. Perhaps if a similar arrangement in connection with the trams were arranged it would soothe the ruffled nerves and make us all wondrous kind. Mr. Barker Stewart-Terrace at 3.10, etc., etc. This is the best solution—short of the introduction of larger cars—that we can think of. But the worst thing about arrangements and suggestions—as witness the G.O.C.'s instructions to the troops on the Peak—is that they are never observed. Human nature couldn't stand it.

EXPERIMENT.

One of the most remarkable series of experiments in natural science conducted in late years has been in connection with the effort to convert light into sound. As a result the workers in the laboratories of the French military wireless centre at Les Invalides have produced an instrument which is proving that the "chant des étoiles" is not merely a pleasing fancy. Without going into details, it may be explained that the inventors of the instrument have obtained from the rays of the star Capella, billions of miles from the earth, certain variations of electrical current which have been amplified and otherwise "treated" until they can be conveyed by telephone and, as one writer puts it, "the stars can be heard to sing." The writer of the book of Job wrote when many readers have believed, when he spoke of the morning stars singing together.

So much excavation of importance is being conducted today in distant sections of the world that one is liable to overlook the results which have also been obtained in England, although some of these latter are in the highest degree noteworthy. Fairly recently, for instance, many interesting relics have been discovered in the region of Margidunum, an early Roman camp dating from the Claudian conquest of Britain and situated half way between Leicester and Lincoln. Founded in 48 A.D., this fort went down in ruins in the general decay of Roman civilization. The discovery in a well of some oak planks as sound to-day as when they were riven from a British tree growing at the beginning of the Christian era points well the contrast of the British stability of character.

In this day of the stylus, universal use of the typewriter and the fountain pen, etc., the discovery in the course of the excavations at Kish, east of Babylon, of the oldest known stylus, points interestingly to the progress of the present. It is made of bone for writing cuneiform and, according to Professor Langdon, the director of the Weld-Blundell and Field Museum, Archaeological Expedition, which is conducting the excavations, is of the type which many scholars in the past have vainly tried to construct. Six inches long, it has a triangular cross-section and tapered ends, and is believed to be fully 2000 years old. Professor Langdon, after some little effort, was able to "write" on clay by means of this implement with reasonable speed. One wonders what an expert with it would have made of the twentieth century instruments.

WOMEN.

Clemence Dane, of literary distinction, questions in the World's Work whether women have got what they want. The present civilization, she contends, is poorly adapted to women's wishes and, she writes, "I cannot help believing, speculation apart, that woman might do much more with her freedom than use it merely to help in elaborating a civilization which falls foul of her profoundest instincts. Man has dreamed his dreams, and where have they led him? To the watch on the Ruhr; to the 'tin-can' speech of the election campaign! But has woman dreamed? Are her ideals always to be imitation ones? The right to earn her bread and toll in the cities as the men toll, bearing children in her spare time, is that to be the end of all things? Who knows? But one thing I know: that if we are to continue halving life with our fellow man without regard to the difference in sex, we shall have to alter fundamentally our conceptions of what that life should be. The life of the cities today is no life for a woman. She is too good for it. It's waste. Simplification or Victorianism—one or other remedy we must resort to; or we shall have given more to secure our game than the game is worth."

Sir Frederick Bramwell, F.R.S., well was consulting engineer for the Isle of Wight railway, and as his duties in connection with this enterprise were not onerous, his remuneration was proportionately small. Great was the surprise of the management when he suddenly increased his charges; They wrote to him to remonstrate and to point out that the work had not been augmented, and that, therefore, nothing had happened to justify his larger demand. To this Sir Frederick replied:

"Dear Sirs,—You may have noticed that I have added the letters F.R.S. to my name. This means Fellow-Raised-Since—Yours faithfully, Frederick Bramwell."

the one you love by all means, and send me the name and address of the other."

The sick man had just awakened from a long delirium. "Where am I?" he asked feebly, as he felt the loving hands making him comfortable. "Where am I?" In heaven? "No, dear, cooed his devoted wife, "I am still with you."

At a fancy dress ball for children a policeman was stationed at the door, and was instructed by the committee not to admit adults. Shortly after the beginning of the ball a woman came running up to the door and demanded admission.

"I'm sorry, mum," replied the policeman, "but I can't let anyone in but children."

"But my child is dressed as a butterfly," exclaimed the woman, "and has forgotten her wings."

"No matter," replied the policeman, "orders is orders; you'll have to let her go as a caterpillar."

WHAT A DOG KNOWS.

How much do dogs really understand of our language? Perhaps a good deal more than we generally imagine. Please observe that in learning a foreign tongue you arrive at a certain stage where most of what the foreign people say is broadly intelligible to you, and yet you cannot express yourself at all. Very young children understand a great deal before they are able to express themselves in words. . . . May not a dog of ability enter, to some extent, into the meaning of spoken language, even though he may never be able to use it? Without giving the reins to imagination, it may be presumed that some dogs know at least the names of different people, and may take note of the manner, cordial or otherwise, in which we pronounce them. Whatever they may know of spoken language, it is quite clear that they understand the language of manner, and have a very delicate appreciation of human behaviour.

—Philip Gilbert Hamerton.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 30.—Coronet Theatre; Mary Pickford in "Suds."
May 30.—The Star; Mac Murray in "Idols of Clay."
May 30.—Marie Prevost in "The Beautiful and Damned."
May 30.—Queen's Theatre; Billie Dove in "Youth to Youth."
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
May 31.—V.R.C. night swimming sets at 9 p.m., and dancing on conclusion of programme.
June 7.—Whitcliffe Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.
June 12.—Mr. William Hougham, well known Basco-Barkone, will sing at the Peak Club, 8.30 p.m.
June 12.—Sports.
June 12.—Fourth Extra Boat Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, 3 p.m.
May 30.—Lantern Show at Sales Rooms, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

CASTLE PEAK COLLISION.

SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS.

WHAT THE JURY CONSIDER.

In returning a verdict of manslaughter against the drivers of the buses involved in the collision at Castle Peak, the jury wished it to be brought to the attention of the authorities that they considered that all bridges in the New Territories should be made wider, and they also recommended that steps be taken to separate the drivers of all buses from the passengers, so that there could be no conversation between drivers and passengers. His Lordship said the rider would be carried to the right quarter.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, in his speech for the defence, dealt with the evidence of the prosecution's expert witness, and said it was an extraordinary coincidence that the foot brakes of both vehicles were out of order after the collision, they having been tested that morning, according to the bus company's manager, who was a witness for the prosecution. He would be interested in what the Attorney General would say when he came to deal with that witness's evidence.

He (counsel) attributed the collision not to lack of skill but pure error of judgment. The driver of 1204 expected to get across the bridge and the driver of 1314 expected the bridge would be clear by the time he reached it. Could that be the criminal negligence that it was necessary to find?

FOR THE PROSECUTION.

The Attorney General said Mr. Prosser had laid emphasis on the amount of negligence it was necessary to find. If the jury found there was a sufficient degree of careless conduct that was enough for a verdict of guilt. The jury must not be led away by the over emphasis laid on the point by his friend. He was prepared to take the prisoners' story that they never used their foot brakes all day. If they had used them the collision might have been avoided. It was obvious from what the driver of 1204 had said that he had no intention of giving way to the other bus. He had said he was nearer the bridge and considered he had the right of way. This prisoner had also said he slowed down to 15 miles an hour on the bridge. It would only take him a second to cross the bridge.

His Lordship having summed up, the jury retired and after a short deliberation returned a verdict of guilty against both prisoners.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"The Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. has declared dividend at the rate of 2s. 6d. per share, free of income tax, payable 5th July, Bearer Coupon to be presented No. 43."

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Grant" which sailed from this port at 10 a.m. on May 4, arrived in New York at 4 p.m. May 27, having been 23 calendar days and 6 hours in transit.

In preparation for the parade on the King's Birthday (June 3) there was an inspection on the cricket ground this morning. The inspection was followed by the Royal Salute and march past.

PIRATES AGAIN.

"TARANTULA" TO THE RESCUE.

News reached Hongkong this morning of another pirate attack in the estuary of the West River. The victim was a Chinese passenger junk—the usual type towed by a launch and almost entirely dependent on the latter for motive power—plying between Canton, Hoshan and Kongmoon.

Reports to hand are uncertain as to whether the pirates ever got on board the tow-boat to carry out their errand of plunder but it is known definitely that they opened fire on the boat from both banks of the river. In one source it is stated that the attack took place near Ma Ling, a pirate-infested locality, but the message to the Naval authorities gives the place as the Yeh Ming Bar.

The fire was sustained and must have been effective as seven of those on the boat were wounded and one killed. Shortly afterwards H.M.S. "Tarantula" arrived on the scene and the wounded were attended to. Apparently, the pirates dispersed on the arrival of the gunboat as there is no mention of an encounter.

Hitherto reports have been made by the China Mail's Kongmoon correspondent of attempts by pirates to levy blackmail, which they called "safe conduct money." This is not the first time a passenger tow-boat has been fired on from the banks to impress the boat company with the necessity of complying with the request for payment.

Below we give the message from the "Tarantula" which makes very interesting reading:—The message received from the Captain of the "Tarantula," who is senior officer of the West River Flotilla, was received here at 9.30 last night. It was despatched to H.M.S. "Cicala" and the Commodore and read to the following effect:—

"Pirates attacked Canton-Hok-shan-Kongmoon passenger tow-off Yeh Ming Bar this forenoon. It was fired on from both banks. Seven are wounded and one dead. I am bringing these to Canton for transport to hospital. Please inform Consul-General for Chinese authorities that anti-piracy steps are urgently necessary in this area. Pirates appear to possess a gun as I have a projectile which was fired at the tow. I have ordered the 'Wing Lee' (one of the armed launches) to anchor off the spot and convey launches to and fro in sight of First Cliffs for the present. There is no sign of the pirates at the present moment."

INTERPRETER CHARGE.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Evidence was given before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, sitting as Magistrate at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, in the case in which Natha Singh, a Court interpreter was charged with obtaining money by false pretences and bribery.

Four new charges were added, all almost similar to the original charge but in respect of different amounts. Detective Inspector Pincott handled the case for the police and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended.

Mohamed Noor, a clerk employed by Cassam Ahmed and Co., was the complainant. He gave his own story and alleged that the interpreter asked him for a fee when he applied for a summons to be issued. Witness ultimately learnt that no fee was necessary and a report was made to a Magistrate.

TRIAD SOCIETY.

Documents purporting to relate to a Triad Society were alleged to have been found on a Chinese who came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

In applying for a week's formal remand Detective Inspector Pincott stated there were suspicions that defendant was in communication with a gang of pirates, hence his application for a remand so as to go into the documents.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 and ordered a remand for a week.

Alleged Piracy Connections.
A voluminous paper states that when this man was arrested various insignia of the Triad Societies were found during the raid. It is alleged that the man was once a Chinese military officer and that either he or a subordinate took part in the negotiations for the release of two members of the crew of the ferry-launch "Han Hei" who were taken away for ransom when the launch was attacked on January 20. Various payments totalling \$350 are said to have been made as the result of a conference in Macao but the captives were not released.

"OTHERWISE xxxxxx"**SIR ROBERT HO TUNG
INTIMIDATED.****"THREATS OR JOKE?"**

A polite but unmistakable request for a "loan" of \$2,000 and a veiled threat are contained in a letter which bore on the envelope

"Mr. Ho Tung,
Local."

and has been delivered through the post to Sir Robert Ho Tung's house.

On being opened it was found to be a Chinese letter couched in terms usually used by intimidators when asking for money. It bore no signature but a chop was placed at the end of the missive purporting to have been sent by Wong Ng, the chief of the pirate gang responsible for the spiriting away of the Shamsuipo ferry "Kwong Shun" on the night of March 2.

Wong Ng first obtained notoriety when letters were received in Hongkong by relatives of passengers kidnapped from the pirated ferry. He made no effort to conceal his identity or whereabouts. Rather he seemed anxious that the public should know who he was and where his stronghold was situated. It is now stated that the letters demanding ransom bore the same chop as the letter addressed to Sir Robert.

This mysterious letter was stamped with a Hongkong two-cents stamp and the conclusion is that it must have been posted here. A pencil scrawl on the envelope, evidently written in the Post Office for the direction of the postman, had the following instructions:

"To be delivered to Ho Tung's house on the upper levels."

Sir Robert is now in England with Lady Ho Tung and one of their daughters having gone there for the Exhibition. The letter was opened by members of the household in Hongkong and the translation is broadly to the following effect:

"Our band of brothers have formulated a plan of action. But because of lack of funds we are unable to proceed. Therefore, it is for this special reason that we solicit a loan of \$2,000 in Hongkong notes. When our objective is achieved 'children and mother,' i.e., interest and principal, will be repaid and on account will we break our promise. (The latter part of this sentence is underlined.) Please send (this sum) to the 'Great Eastern' Hotel in an ordinary envelope and addressed to my name. There is no need for registration as it will mean a lot of trouble for the messenger receiving it. You are given three days (from day of receiving this letter) to reply. Otherwise (here follow six dots.)"

The seal of Wong Ng."

The letter has been handed over to the police for inquiries.

"PAUL LECAT" ECHO?**DUMPING SACKS IN THE
HARBOUR.**

For using crapples and drags without permission and dumping rubbish in the Harbour, the master of a sampan was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning.

Evidence was given that on being approached by the harbour police the man cut his nets adrift and dumped three sacks in the river.

[The spot where the dumping took place was where the "Paul Lecat" on which was found a quantity of arms, was anchored.]

CANTON OFFICIAL.**REPORTED VISIT TO
HONGKONG.**

Mr. Wu Hon-man, former Civil Governor of Canton and now Chief Secretary to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is reported to be in Hongkong.

Earlier in the week, it was rumoured that he had left Canton for Macao shortly after an announcement that he had been vested with full authority to act for Dr. Sun.

The Tsun Wan Yat Po now states that Mr. Wu in company with another official who visited Chin Shan on business, has come to Hongkong from Macao.

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NEW FERRY BOATS.**COMMENDABLE ENTER-
PRISE.**

Owing to the ever increasing volume of traffic on the Hongkong-Yaumat ferries—as many as five launches being required on Sundays when every trip is crowded—the Chinese ferry company has given orders for new ferry launches of bigger size than those operated at present.

One of these new launches is being built by the Kwong Tuck Cheong Company. It will be slightly larger than the "Star" ferry boats and will be capable of dealing with motor traffic and cargo.

Two other launches are being constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., one of which is to take the water in the course of a month or so, but the two boats will not be ready to join the service till about October.

A TROUBLE MAKER.**BANISHED CRIMINAL'S BID
FOR LIBERTY.****JUMPS IN HARBOR.**

The story of a Chinese criminal's twice attempted bid for liberty after being banished from the Colony was told at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Hutchins said the accused, who was charged with returning to Hongkong despite a banishment order, had caused a lot of trouble. About six weeks ago accused was seen by a detective at Shamsuipo and in order to evade arrest he jumped into the harbour. The detective followed him, but injured his leg and the accused escaped.

The next time the accused was seen, went on the Inspector, was on Wednesday, coincidentally, by the same detective. The accused attempted to repeat his previous successful escape and again dived into the harbour. This time, the detective fired his revolver at the accused, but the six shots missed. The accused, however, was later fished out of the water in a submissive state.

Mr. Hamilton sent the man to jail for twelve months with hard labour.

PIRATES SHOT.**DEATH SENTENCE BY
CHINESE MILITARY.****"SUI AN" AND "HYDRANGEA"
ECHOES.**

Two pirates were found guilty by Chinese authorities of having taken part in the piracies of the s.s. "Sui An" and "Hydrangea" and other outrages in Chinese territory.

General Ip Kui, who will be remembered for the part he took in the coup against Dr. Sun Yat-sen in June 1922, sent a letter to the Hongkong Police asking for officers to witness the carrying out of the sentence at Ping Shan in the Tam Si district along the coast. A European detective, the Chinese detective inspector and others were sent on Tuesday and on Wednesday witnessed the carrying out of the shooting outside the city gate.

RAIDS.**POLICE—BUSY.**

Several raids were carried out by the Criminal Intelligence Department yesterday evening as the result, so it is said, of information as to arms being secreted in the Colony.

A visit was paid to the Chuen Kee money-changer shop in Queen's Road where the ground and first floors were searched. All the four floors of No. 10, Prince's Terrace, above Caine Road, were also searched and the party came out with a large parcel from the adjoining house, No. 8. Here a sporting rifle was taken and two Chinese were detained.

The West Point police also made a raid yesterday at a Chinese seamen's club near the Sailors' Home but no arrests were effected.

ACCIDENTS.

Two fatal accidents occurred yesterday. Whilst loading iron at the Kowloon Godowns, a seaman employed on board lighter No. 90 was killed and his body was removed to the mortuary.

A cargo coolie who was working on board the s.s. "Dempto" died as the result of injuries received while unloading rice on the ship. His remains were also sent to the mortuary.

Ottawa, May 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons that the Government merchant marine showed a deficit for the past year. After deducting interest and other charges, of \$3,558,000—rather than a profit of \$3,558,000.

"STAR" FERRY.**COMPANY'S ANNUAL
MEETING.****SATISFACTORY RETURN.**

Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie was the only other director present. Shareholders in attendance were Messrs. E. H. Noyce, R. M. Davison, D. Macdonald, J. Hyde, E. S. Ford, E. H. Crumwell, L. Quenby, O. Ribbins, A. A. Alves, A. H. M. da Silva.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.
The working of the Company continues to give a satisfactory return and in view of the increased earnings for last year, we are enabled to place a substantial sum to our Reserve Account which has not been added to since 1921.

The balance available for appropriation, including \$39,620.20 brought forward from last year, is \$297,252.71 and your Directors recommend dealing with this amount as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$2.00 per share.....	\$80,000.00
Pay a bonus of \$2.00 per share.....	\$80,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund.....	100,000.00
Carry forward to new account.....	\$7,252.71
	\$297,252.71

RELIEF OF CONGESTION.

At our last meeting, reference was made to the congestion on the ferries and to the proposed plans for the construction of larger boats capable of carrying motor vehicles, at the same time as passengers. After mature consideration however, your directors have come to the conclusion that this Company should confine its operations to a purely passenger service, and to meet the congestion caused by the larger number of passengers travelling on our ferries two new vessels with increased accommodation are now under construction.

When these are completed it is our intention to continue with the reconstruction of the older ferries, and as soon as circumstances permit to introduce a five minutes' service during the day. These arrangements we hope will materially add to the comfort and convenience of our patrons—a matter that will continue to receive the close attention of your directors—and should the volume of traffic still further increase they may find it necessary to replace the smaller boats by new and more commodious vessels.

THE TYPHOONS.
The typhoons in July and August I regret to say, caused considerable damage to the House Street Pier. Part of the cost of repairs has been recovered under the Insurance Policy and the balance amounting to \$5,392.71 has been debited to Profit and Loss account.

While on this subject I feel sure I am voicing your sentiments in recording our appreciation of the loyal and gallant services rendered by the coastguards and crews of our launches during those trying times. It is due chiefly to their effort that no serious accident happened to the passengers on the morning of August 18 and incidentally that the bill for repairs to our fleet was a comparatively small one.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts that calls for comment and I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS.
The Reports and Accounts having been passed, Mr. Crumwell proposed the re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Noyce seconded and it was carried unanimously.

The appointment of Mr. C. G. Mackie as director was confirmed. Mr. C. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$300 a year.

DEAF RICSHA MAN.**GOOD SIGHT THOUGH.**

A richsa coolie, who was stone deaf, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with pulling a richsa without a licence and offering a bribe to a police officer.

He shook his head when the interpreter read out the charge to him and a clamour came forward to tell the Court that defendant was deaf. His Worship asked why defendant was allowed to go out and pull a richsa when he was deaf. What would happen if he got in the way of a motor-car. To this the clansman replied that although defendant was deaf he could see whereupon the Magistrate asked how he could see behind him.

Ultimately the charges had to be written out in Chinese and shown to defendant who pleaded not guilty to the count of offering a sum of \$1.25 as a bribe. The police officer then gave evidence and this had also to be translated.

His Worship found the charges proved and imposed sentence as follows:—For "pulling" a richsa without a licence he was fined \$2 per day for offering a bribe he was fined \$5 or three weeks in the lock for the same offence.

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE CRUELTY BILL.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Cannot the Government go a step further and introduce a clause or clauses, forbidding:—

(a.)—One person keeping more than one dog:—

(b.)—Making it a punishable offence for dogs to be pampered and petted as they are:—

(c.)—Prosecuting owners of dogs who (dogs meant) make nights sleepless with their howlings, and

(d.)—Prosecuting women who talk "baby stuff" to their dogs.

Yours etc.,
FROGGIE.

Hongkong, May 29.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I am glad to note that A.B. makes the candid confession that his letter of 28th May is not a detailed examination of the new Bill for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (although such would have been obvious in any case) but he should have gone further and added what it really is.

The "Gazette" and the daily papers have given space to this Bill recently, so A.B. can hardly claim that so many words are required from him by any intelligent reader to merely draw attention to it. As to the present law, he appears to speak with authority as to its adequacy to meet all likely needs: he thus implies that he is fairly well acquainted with all the various forms of cruelty practised in the Colony. He does not state which side he supports.

I have no intention of entering into any discussion with A.B. on the subject, as it will, no doubt, be carefully considered in due course; but I should like to take the opportunity of allaying A.B.'s anxiety as to future prospects of Hongkong residents being branded as felons on account of the provisions of this new Bill: the law abiding members of the public need not, and have no fear in this respect; and even the defence referred to by A.B. as a possible successful one in cases of theft, will hardly interest the average reader.

A.B. who apparently knows little of the advance of veterinary science, describes what he considers constitutes "causing unnecessary pain to animals" (and to himself?) as being a matter of individual opinion, apparently irrespective of who the individual may be: this suggests his need of some standard definition of "cruelty," and the new Bill will just fulfil this need for him, although he thinks that the Bill is an attempt to "teach kindness to animals by putting human beings in jail." It would be a pity if the law in this respect had to be enforced in some cases, but I am confident that most of my fellow citizens are not so hardened as to require such drastic measures to learn (and apply) the "instructions" contained in the Bill.

Yours faithfully,
—Y. Z.

Hongkong, May 29.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—The Colonial Secretary's explanation of the mistake regarding 'ships' officers is another method of high-handed Government method of doing business. It allows its proposals to be published, finds it has made a mistake, and—does nothing. Along comes, in this case the Guild, and asks very pertinent questions. It means business and the Government sees 'it' does and loses no time in answering. But why does it wait to be asked? Are we to judge that those who follow the sea as a means of livelihood are of no account and to be treated like dirt? It looks uncommonly like it.

Yours etc.,
YE ANCIENT MARINER.

Hongkong, May 29.

MAY ROAD FARES.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I think the way out of this difficulty is to abolish the term May Road, include it in the Peak, and renumber all the houses.

Yours etc.,
MAD HATTER.

Hongkong, May 29.

CRUELTY TO PONIES.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I never go to the races but I do read the account of them in your paper. There surely cannot be cruelty to our ponies. I read that H.E. the Governor and Lady Severn won races last Saturday and I cannot think that Lady

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PIRACY NERVES.**A MACAO ALARM.**

GUNBOATS AS SALT SMUGGLERS.

On Tuesday four launches were seen off Macao harbour. Two of them had the appearance of having been captured and taken as prizes.

When the passenger tow-boat "Tung Kee," Portuguese flag, was leaving Macao for Shek-Ki, she sighted the launches from a distance. Suspecting that something was amiss the tow-boat turned back. Another tow-boat, flying between Macao and Kong-moon, was behind the Shek-Ki boat and also turned, round on seeing the latter pull up.

A return was made to Macao. As a result, a Portuguese gunboat and the Customs cruiser "Loong Ching" went out to reconnoitre and escort the tow-boats.

Subsequently advice was received from the Salt Commissioner's office in Canton that because Chinese naval boats were engaged in salt smuggling, the gunboats "Fay Pang," "Tung On" and another, had been despatched to round up the smugglers.

The patrol had "Arrested" the arrived vessel "Ching On," which is alleged to have had 600 bags of illicit salt on board. This vessel is under the command of General Lau Yuk-san, a pro-Sun leader.

The assembly of armed craft outside Macao is explained by the fact that the patrol and its prize were anchored there.—Tsun Wan Yat Po.

Severn would allow cruelty to be shown to a four-footed quadruped. To make the Cruelty Bill apply to rages would disturb our Gentleman riders who have very tender consciences.

Yours etc.,
ASCOT.

Hongkong, May 29.

POLICE RESERVE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—This week's Wyndham Street fight suggests to you the usefulness of a Hongkong Police Reserve. As one who has previously served in that organisation which has won deserved recognition I beg to add the following:—

Not only could such a force come out in time of emergency just to make an arrest as you indicate but it would form the nucleus of a body which rendered such meritorious service during the Great War when the European Police Force was depleted, by drafts for the Front. Should ever the necessity arise of augmenting the regular police as in cases of riot, strike, or serious disorder, the public will have a body of trained men to fall back upon.

You do not approve of drills or uniforms. As discipline is the essence of all service—regular or voluntary—I submit that a drill once a week, or once a fortnight, will be willingly attended if the instructors know the way to go about it. Unless we are licked into shape we shall be little better off than a mob which we might be called upon to quell.

Finally I feel sure that the idea will meet with favour from a large number who are not members of the Defence Corps but would still give their services. There must be some of the old Police Reserve left who will step forward if their services are asked for. What does Mr. Jenkin think of the scheme?

Yours etc.,
DISCIPLINE.

Hongkong, May 29.

BANKERS AND SHARES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—From present indications a boom in China Sugars is promised. For the last fortnight Sugars have been the feature of the Share Market, the shares having jumped 20 points in the last ten days. I understand that a syndicate, headed by an official of one of the Chinese Banks, is making a corner in these shares. The present dullness of the Sugar Trade does not justify any rise in the shares. In consequence the rumour seems to be well-founded. It appears to me that the Government would be well-advised to provide laws to prevent such cornering as it is detrimental to the community. Bankers, at least should be debarred from taking part in such operations in view of their special position vis-à-vis clients who happen to be holders of such shares, affected. Bankers are in the position to advance money against shares when it suits them to do so: at the same time they can press for the sale of any shares hypothecated to the banks should it suit them to do so. In fact from their point of view it is "heads we win tails you lose." Trusting you will see fit to deal with this matter in your official columns.

I remain,
Yours etc.,
NON-SPECULATOR.

Hongkong, May 30.

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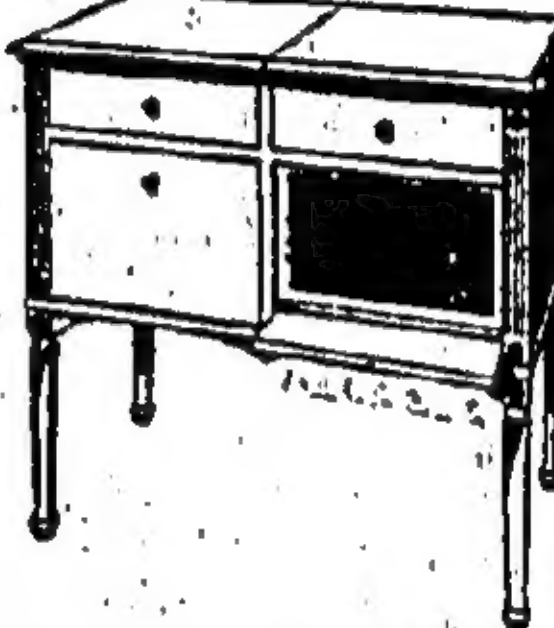
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NAM PAK HONG MARKET.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—
Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 Futures \$10.33, August delivery 10.03, September delivery 10.03. Spot—No. 24 rough white \$12.35, No. 24 fine white 14.70, No. 18 rough brown 12.33, Java brown 11.80.
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.65, No. 1 Saigon long white 7.90.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Sperry's XXX \$3.50, White Greens 2.72, Nutmeg Orange 2.70, Kingfisher 2.85, Maize 2.60, Big Gun 2.68, Tiger Shield 2.86, Globe 2.63, Old Mill 2.62, Reinder 2.64, Melon 2.67, White Rose 2.60, Deyton 2.68, C & C 2.68, Banana 2.58, Kwan Tap 2.65.

MANCHESTER COMMENT.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, Manchester, report under date April 30:—
Cotton. Fluctuations have been violent, but spot American is again at the rate of our last report. American futures have lost about 4d. Egyptian prices are advanced.
Yarns. Prices of finer sorts of American and of Egyptian are well-held.
Cloth. There is little bulk business in staple lines to report. Prices remain very firm, a condition which is largely caused and maintained by the attitude of spinners both here and in the U.S.A., who by curtailing production, can hold to their margins. In fine cloths and fancy goods, a respectable turnover has come to book and overseas markets appear to be prepared to make their purchases of fancy goods with more freedom than they do in staple articles. There is much speculation as to the probable crop in America, but it is too early to place much reliability on the forecasts. Cotton growers and their bankers are endeavoring to maintain prices of the raw material. Spinners, manufacturers, exporters and consumers are all hoping for more cotton and cheaper goods. India & China are still the best customers although business is exceedingly difficult to negotiate, bids being very far out in many cases. The Straits & Java remain dormant. Continental trade is quite brisk in certain lines and South America has made a few purchases. To sum up, nearly all reports from consuming markets show that stocks are exceedingly low. They must be replenished, but buyers are delaying their purchases in the hope of lower rate when the new crop comes into sight.
Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report under date April 30:—
Sentiment in the cotton markets is for the time being divided in view and unsettled. On the one hand statistics show that there is an actual scarcity of the raw material, whilst on the other new crop prospects have come decidedly more favourable. The latter is of course becoming a factor of growing importance, and the recent change in weather conditions has made it possible that a full supply may be forthcoming. Should this prove to be the case there is no doubt that present values will be found too high, and although it is too early to place any reliance on prospects of plenty the possibility has been a cause of some uncertainty. Substantial liquidation of new crop months has in fact taken place. The increase of acreage in the States is privately estimated at 6 to 8 per cent. Trading during the week has been fairly quiet. The markets were in a stronger position to respond to bullish influences owing to the elimination of weak holders last week, and at one time a sharp advance was registered on the strength of the spot position. Sufficient support was not, however, forthcoming to maintain this. The steady demand for Egyptian has stiffened values in this section. In the Manchester market there has been a large amount of enquiry and the rise in cotton values in the middle of the week brought out offers for many substantial lots. Generally these were slightly too low and the subsequent easing of the raw material has checked buying somewhat. But a moderate turnover has resulted in smaller lots and there is a good demand in negotiation. Both American and Egyptian yarns continue very firm. Cotton counts have been taken for the Continent and India.

EQUIPPING TOKYO.

ORDERS PLACED IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 29. It is announced that the whole of the equipment for the reconstruction of the Tokyo telephone system will be manufactured in London and will be manufactured in London and will be manufactured in London.

MINERS ACCEPT COMPROMISE.

LONDON, May 29. The conference of miners delegates has decided by a vote of 473 to 511 to accept the compromise terms proposed.—Reuter.

INGENIOUS POINCARE.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER.

LONDON, May 29. M. Poincaré wrote to Mr. MacDonald on May 14: "You were good enough to tell MM. Theunis and Hymans that in the event of a breach of undertakings contracted by her Germany would find herself confronted by England, Belgium and France inflexibly united as they were during the war. It seemed to you difficult, however, to foresee at the present moment the nature of the guarantees which, in such eventualities, we might be led to take by common agreement." He added that there did not seem any doubt that Germany was deliberately violating the stipulations of the Treaty of Versailles and reconstituting her war material and military formations.—Reuter.

RUSSIA'S INTERNAL TRADE.

Moscow, May 29. Kamenoff's report on internal commerce says the crisis of 1923 has been succeeded by a period of development in commercial transactions. Thanks to reform of currency the Government would no longer have recourse to inflation. The Government's main aim in internal commerce was the consolidation of co-operative societies, regulating State markets and the supply of articles cheaply to the peasants, thus combating the domination of the retail trade by private capital, the rights of which would remain unchanged.—Reuter.

RIGA, May 29. A report from Moscow says the only supporter of Trotsky's defence of his opposition at the Communist congress was Preobrazhensky, who protested against the purging, which should have come after the Congress, and said the struggle with private capital, which had begun, was demanded by the opposition.—Reuter.

BILLIARDS.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

Playing in the above handicap in the "second game of the semi-finals at the Palace Hotel last night, Mr. A. J. Osmund (325) beat Mr. F. R. Silva (190) by 250-173.
Highest breaks were: Mr. Osmund 47, 39, 34, 32 (4), 26 (2), 22, 21, 19, 17 (2), 15, 12. Mr. Silva 28 (2), 25, 23, 21, 18, 16 (5), 12. The game for to-night is for the 3rd Prize. The contestants being Mr. F. R. Silva (190) and Mr. L. Antonio (125).

FINAL.

Owing to the expected arrival of Mr. Stevenson the final for the above Cups will be played to-morrow night, Saturday May 31, between Mr. A. J. Osmund (325) and Mr. E. Spry (225). Games to commence at 9 p.m.

tion generally is being sold. Instances of looms idle for want of American yarns are getting more frequent. Egyptian are in good demand. Coarse counts are at lower prices than before. From India there has been a large enquiry for dhotees, light goods, fancies and some grey shirtings. For China there has been a good demand for whites, fancies and prints. The Chinese enquiries for bleachers but is generally quiet. Java and Singapore continue inactive. Egypt is slightly more active. For South America enquiry has been taken for the Continent and India.

DE VALERA AGAIN.

TO GET IRISH MONEY IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, May 29. The State Supreme Court has decided that De Valera and



C. Hara are entitled to a reasonable part of the 2½ million dollars of Irish Republican funds deposited here for use in defence. A suit had been brought by the Irish Free State for possession of this money and a commissioner has now been appointed to determine what constitutes a "reasonable part."—Reuter's American Service.

D'OISY AT PEKING.

DIFFICULTIES ON THE WAY.

Shanghai, May 29. Captain D'Oisy arrived at Tientsin at two o'clock this afternoon. He left Shanghai at five this morning.—Reuter.

Peking, May 29. Captain D'Oisy has arrived.—Reuter.

Later. D'Oisy, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, said that the Chinese authorities en route were helpful but it was a most difficult flight so far. As he was landing at Suichow a tyre burst causing a breakage to the shock absorber strut which the fliers repaired. While flying a magneto burnt out and the valve had to be replaced. They made a perfect landing at Nan Yuan and were escorted by a Chinese plane which went out to meet D'Oisy. A thousand of the community were present including Frenchmen (most of the French community) representatives of Legations and numerous high Chinese officials. A feature of the reception was the presentation to D'Oisy and his mechanic of commemorative medals and certificates from the President and the Aviation Department also of handsome curio. The Aviation Director gave an address of welcome and D'Oisy replied thanking the Aviation Department for the assistance it had given throughout.

D'Oisy expects to remain at Peking for two and perhaps three days. The French Minister gives a dinner in honour of D'Oisy to-night and Presidential and other receptions have been arranged for to-morrow.—Reuter.

Paris, May 29. D'Oisy used a machine lent by the Chekiang Government, and made two landings en route. The weather was favourable and the reception at Peking enthusiastic.

BUCHAREST EXPLOSION.

ROUMANIAN KING RISKS HIS LIFE.

Palace In Danger.

Paris, May 29. A message from Bucharest states that explosions which were caused by a spark from a locomotive have entirely destroyed an arsenal containing 12,000 large calibre shells stored in a magazine which was blown up. Several barracks and other military establishments, also a girls' school have been destroyed in the ensuing conflagration. The loss of life is up to the present not known. The King and the royal family have moved from the palace owing to the danger. The King visited the scene of disaster with Ministers, risking his life constantly, owing to exploding shells.—Reuter.

Washington, May 29.—The House of Representatives has rejected an amendment to the Naval Bill authorising appropriation for the elevation of guns of certain battleships, but has approved expenditure of eighteen and a half million dollars for conversion of six battleships to oil burners, and for fitting them with additional protection against submarines and aircraft.—Reuter's American Service.

BASEBALL.

NEW YORK, May 29. Yesterday's baseball league results were as under:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Washington... 4 New York... 7
Philadelphia... 2 Boston... 1
Cleveland... 5 Chicago... 0
Detroit... 4 St. Louis... 3
Washington... 6 New York... 1
Philadelphia... 0 Boston... 1
Cleveland... 6 Chicago... 13
Detroit... 0 St. Louis... 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Boston... 1 Philadelphia... 4
Chicago... 9 Pittsburgh... 0
St. Louis... 6 Cincinnati... 0
St. Louis... 3 Cincinnati... 5
New York... 6 Brooklyn... 5
New York... 4 Brooklyn... 2

HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS IN SCOTLAND.

London, May 29. At Edinburgh, stumps were pitched in fine weather before two thousand spectators. Scotland made 177 (Fergusson 38; Carter 5 wickets for 61). The South Africans have, so far, made 95 for 3 wickets.

Glamorgan v. Leicester. At Swansea, Glamorgan defeated Leicestershire by an innings and 121 runs. Glamorgan's score was 384 (Abel 107). Leicester replied with 145 (Ryan 6 for 46) and followed on with 98 (Ryan 5 for 18).

THE DERBY.

London, May 29. Caravel was scratched at 10 o'clock last night.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

2ND DIVISION.

I.R.C. "A" v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

Played at home the I.R.C. "A" beat the Club de Recreio by 68 games to 31. Scores:—
S. A. and S. A. Ismail beat D. Noronha and T. Silva, 8-3; beat R. E. Hyndman and H. A. Barros, 7-4; beat G. Osmund and L. E. Remedios, 6-5.
J. S. A. Curroem and Y. A. Wahab beat D. Noronha and T. Silva, 11-0; beat R. E. Hyndman and H. A. Barros, 8-3; lost to G. Osmund and L. E. Remedios, 5-6.
S. A. Hussain and T. A. Kazick beat D. Noronha and T. Silva, 9-2; beat R. E. Hyndman and H. A. Barros, 9-2; lost to G. Osmund and L. E. Remedios, 6-0.

I.R.C. "B" v. K.C.C. "B".

Playing away, the I.R.C. "B" beat K.C.C. "B" by 62 games to 37. Scores:—
S. A. Hamid and P. M. Arculli lost to Bishop and Dryden, 4-7; beat Woodward and Petheram, 7-4; beat Tramitzky and J. Smith, 10-1.
A. and N. B. Kitchell lost to Bishop and Dryden, 8-8; lost to Woodward and Petheram, 4-7; beat Tramitzky and J. Smith, 11-0.
S. A. G. Mohamed and J. A. Cassambury lost to Bishop and Dryden, 3-8; beat Woodward and Petheram, 10-1; beat Tramitzky and J. Smith, 10-1.

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GAY SUPER-FLAPPER.

"BEAUTIFUL AND DAMNED" FULL OF GLITTER.

Mario Prevost's latest picture, "The Beautiful and Damned," played before a delighted audience yesterday at the World Theatre, where this Warner Brothers' production opened for a 4 days run.

As Gloria Gilbert, the flapper who flaps herself into the hearts of a dozen men, Miss Prevost is excellent. The former bathing beauty's delicious sense of humour is in evidence throughout the situations of this rollicking picture of gilded youth, riches and ruin. All who came in expectation of something out-of-the-way were not disappointed, for this is a screen adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's best seller of the same name which inspired thousands of readers, and which, as a picture, is crammed with humour, tongue drama, and strong situations—a sparkling fast-moving story that has lost not one whit of its brilliance in the screen version.

As Anthony Patch, the boy-husband, Kenneth Harlan was admirable in the lead opposite Mario Prevost.

Take a handful of fascinating flappers, a crotchety aged millionaire bent on reforming the world, a young weak-willed but lovable spendthrift, a musical comedy sourette, a successful film magnate—mix well with the best that New York can offer in cabaret, jazz music and philandering and you have the ingredients that go to make "The Beautiful and Damned" both a surprise and entertaining picture that you will have to go far to beat.

Briefly, the story deals with Gloria Gilbert, the loveliest flapper in New York—a 1922 model. Men woo her and fall; at last she surrenders to young Anthony Patch, whose mission in life seems to be to wait "all his wealthy philanthropic grandfather dies and leaves him his millions."

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at noon May 30, 1924:—

Warning low pressure area extending from the China Sea to the Pacific across northern Luzon and the Bilitang Channel, a real typhoon may develop later.

Paris, May 29.—The death is announced of M. Paul Cambou.—Reuter.
[M. Paul Cambou was French Ambassador to the Court of St. James from 1898 to 1920. Prior to that time he had been private secretary to M. Jules Ferry; prefect of many Departments in France, Minister to Tunis and Ambassador to Madrid.]

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

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NINE CHINESE GIRLS. WEAVING STOCKINGS DIRECT FROM SILKWORMS.

(By a woman correspondent
in the Daily Mail.)

Nine Chinese girls have come from Hongkong to Wembley to show how pure silk stockings are made direct from the silkworm.

Lady Ho Tung, who brought the girls, has a farm in Hongkong where she grows mulberry trees and keeps silkworms. Three of the Chinese girls will look after the silkworms which have been brought from China. Two girls will reel silk, and the others will spin it and knit stockings with it.

The girls wear the same dress in England as they do in China—a black, brown, or grey kimono jacket and skirt. Chinese girls can all sew and make their own clothes. One of the first things the exhibition party did was to hem-stitch white curtains for the beds in their hut.

They do not have any cooking to do, for the Chinese restaurant at the exhibition provides their meals. A Chinese girl's breakfast would surprise an English girl:

Potatoes and chicken, sole, bitter-squash with beef, salt duck, pig's kidney soup.

Tea is taken after every meal.

MADONNA SUIT.

LADY DIANA COOPER'S
RIVAL.

Princess Marchioness, who is alternating with Lady Diana Cooper as the Madonna in the New York production of "The Miracle," began a suit against the producer, Mr. Morris Gest, in the Supreme Court of New York for £118,540 damages.

She demands:
For the failure of the producer to keep his engagement for her exclusive appearance as the Madonna, £58,140.

For his failure to procure her excellent publicity as promised, £58,140.

For forcing her to appear on the stage in an old cloak that had seen service in the theatrical season of 1911, £2,300.

For arrears of salary, £50.

The princess, in her complaint, describes her astonishment when, shortly after Mr. Gest engaged her, she read the announcement that Lady Diana was to alternate with her as the Madonna. She alleges that she was induced to consent to drawing lots to determine who should be the first to appear, but that the drawing was prearranged.

STORY OF A CABLE.
She further asserts that in playing one famous actress against another she has been made the victim of a deliberate publicity device, and charges that before she left Paris Mr. Gest sent her agent the following cabled instruction:

Arrange for the departure of Signora Cami (the stage name of the princess) in the "Majestic." Tell her to telephone the New York Herald, New York Times, and the World that she has heard that Mr. Gest has employed Lady Diana Cooper to play the Madonna, but that it is impossible, because Reinhardt, the creator of "The Miracle," engaged her for the part, and she has been chosen by God for it, and if Mr. Gest denies God he certainly will be punished.

Mr. Gest, after reading the complaint, said: "The princess is very temperamental and imaginative, and a great artist."

CINEMA NOTES.

A plausible, interesting story is told in "Youth to Youth," the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre till Monday. It is about a beautiful musical comedy star who is a favourite with all (New York, and who abandons her career at its height to disappear mysteriously. Scandal forces her to avoid the popularity which she has won with great effort. Charming Bill Dove plays the actress, wearing clothes which depict the best in the Parisian and New York modiste's art. Cullen Landis takes the part of the hero and he helps to provide some good clean entertainment.

Even the most gloomy cannot repress a smile at Mary Pickford's performance in "Suds." She is really funny but only in that kind of comedy which sets off her undoubted histrionic talent. As a matter of fact one is torn between mirth at her efforts to impress others with a story woven out of her own brain and the sympathy one feels for the girl as depicted by her.

"Suds" will be shown at the Coronet till Sunday.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The R. F. S. "Mephor" left Liverpool on May 24 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, and is due here on about June 18.

The R. F. S. "Peregrine" left Liverpool on May 24 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on about June 20.

The C. P. S. R. M. S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Kobe on May 28 at 7 p.m. left Kobe on May 30 at 6 a.m. and is due at Shanghai on June 1 at 10 a.m.

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ENTRIES FOR FOURTH
EXTRA MEETING.

The following are the entries for the Race meeting on Saturday, June 7:

1st Race.—Chesham Handicap. "B" Class. Six Furlongs.—Lobk Bannoch 168 lbs., Mountain Hawk 157, Langsat 154, Roman Parrot 154, Haruna 154, Mackintosh 154, Bannoch 153, Arber Day 152, Eli 152, Little Minch 151, Spargrass 151, White Rose 151, Duku 150, King Alfred 150, Exchange Bill 150, Jungle Cook 149, Majestic Lad 149, Hopulso Lad 149, Silver Leaf 148, Lightning 148, Bluebottle 147, Limonite 147, Jadestone 146, Uncle George 145, Gold Jubilee 145, Wathean 144, Put Mouse 143, Pear Pan 142, What to do 141, Cotomgrass 140.

2nd Race.—Granville Stakes. One Mile.—Gaudie 159 lbs., King Alfred 154, Put Mouse 147, Eli 152, Langsat 157, Mopoko 156, Mountain Hawk 154, Hartfield 152, Lobk Bannoch 150, Grey Dragon 147, Magnificent Dahlia 145, Nasaran 141, 152, Peninsula Lad 152, Repulse Lad 149, Uncle George 144, Ucom Rock 153, Limonite 150.

3rd Race.—Chesham Handicap. "A" Class. Six Furlongs.—Spotted Sand 159 lbs., Rotheray 158, Ealnhall 157, Magnificent Dahlia 156, Full House 156, Rivergrass 154, Sunstar 154, Franchfield 153, Valiant Dahlia 152, Hartfield 152, Strathfarn 152, Rialto Star 150, King Charlie 150, Penelope 151, Satisfaction Dahlia 151, Syggo 149, Koh-I-Noor 149, Starland 149, Day of Surprise 148, Gaudie 146.

4th Race.—Ribblecote. One Mile.—Rivergrass 160 lbs., Spotted Sand 160, King Charlie 148, "The Wink" 141, Mopoko 145, Rialto Star 143, Sunstar 148, Hartfield 148, Musketeer 145, Rotheray 160, Penelope 145, Valiant Dahlia 145, Magnificent Dahlia 150, Nasaran 141, 145, What to do 138, Oak Leaf 145, Uncle George 145, Jungle Cook 141, Yellow River 145, Full House 145.

5th Race.—Beef Stakes. Six Furlongs.—Golden Jubilee, Roman Parrot, Bannoch, White Rose, Arber Day, Pro Caster, Utrisco, Cotomgrass, Peninsula Lad, Majestic Lad, Oak Leaf, Green Rock, Syggo Bill, Bello Isle, all 108 lbs.

6th Race.—Waterford Plate. "B" Class. 1½ Miles.—Nasaran 11, 159 lbs., Gaudie 157, Penelope 156, Franchfield 155, Mopoko 154, Haruna 153, Little Minch 152, Langsat 152, Peninsula Lad 152, Mountain Hawk 152, Jungle Cook 150, Bluebottle 150, Silver Leaf 150, Repulse Lad 149, Wathean 148, Golden Jubilee 147, Cotomgrass 144, Put Mouse 142.

7th Race.—Waterford Plate. "A" Class. 1½ Miles.—Spotted Sand 159 lbs., Rotheray 157, Grey Dragon 152, Rialto Star 150, Magnificent Dahlia 150, Valiant Dahlia 148, Rivergrass 146, Starland 145, Satisfaction Dahlia 144, Day of Surprise 143, Yellow River 142, King Alfred 141.

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Four elephants earned about £60 on Easter Monday by carrying thousands of children at the London Zoo. A small part of the sum was due to the efforts of camels, but as three of the elephants were small, it seems that a full-grown animal can earn £15 a day.

For the benefit of any amusement caterer wishing to exploit an elephant at a popular seaside resort this season, here are some official facts from the Zoo for his prospectus:

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The overhead charges under "Other Foods" might well be reduced by 50 per cent. owing to voluntary contributions from children on the beach. Indeed, the bright financier could start a small stall for selling food to the public (at a profit) so that they could feed his elephant, (N.B.: This is already done at the Zoo).

Another point. The Zoo only works its elephants for three hours a day. A healthy elephant can stand for more than this. It is purely a matter of arrangement between the proprietor and his beast.

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Mr. Brooke Smith joined Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong in 1897, as an assistant in their new goods and import department. In 1901 he was given charge of the department and of the firm's cotton mill. In 1907 he went home on leave, with a decade of work behind him and a thorough grasp of the special knowledge that was presently to bring him to a wider field in Shanghai. The change took place a year later when he was transferred here in charge of imports and the Ryo Mill, which had started in 1897.

There followed another ten-year period during which the Kung Yik Mill was taken over by the firm and 10,000 spindles were brought up from the Hongkong Mill to form the nucleus of the Yangtzeppoo Mill. The latter event took place in 1912, the balance of the Hongkong Mill's spindles being brought up in 1914 and 1915. Elsewhere in this issue appears a list of the cotton mills that are working in China to-day. In a sense, that list, and all it stands for, is part of the record of Mr. Brooke Smith. For Ryo's success pointed the road to others. Others, certainly, were already in the field, as the column of dates given in the list shows. But the growth of the textile industry in China owes much to the enterprise of Ryo and to the brains of the men who directed the enterprise. In 1912 the total value of China's imports of textile machinery was £1,200,283; in 1922 it was £1,517,890.

In 1918 Mr. Brooke Smith became a director of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and in the following year took charge of the Shanghai office, stepping at the same time into a leading position in Shanghai's public life as a member of the Municipal Council, a member of the Shanghai Chamber's General Committee and of the Committee of the China Association. In 1920 Mr. Brooke Smith was Chairman of the Council.

Ewo's record of public service is a notable one. Predecessors in the post of Chairman of the Council include the following:—Mr. Wm. Keswick (1865-87), Mr. F. B. Johnson (1887-88), Mr. J. J. Keswick (1888-89), Mr. John Macgregor (1890-91 and 92), Mr. H. Keswick (1907-8) and Mr. David Landale (1907-1910).

Ewo has also supplied a number of the Chairmen who have presided over the destinies of the General Chamber, namely, Mr. A. G. Dallas (1847), Mr. A. Percival (1851 and 1853), Mr. F. B. Johnson (1866-72-73-78), Mr. W. Keswick (1875), Mr. J. J. Keswick (1885), Mr. A. P. MacEwen (1885, 1886), Mr. E. P. Allard (1897, 1898), Mr. R. Inglis (1902, 1903), Mr. H. Keswick (1906), and Mr. David Landale (1910).

Thus Mr. Brooke Smith's career has continued a long and distinguished tradition, one which includes qualities not easily reducible to the compressed characterization of so brief a sketch as this. Of some of them, business common and breadth of view, Mr. Brooke Smith is the embodiment, and to these titles to success he adds that most precious of all gifts, an immediate perception of the funny side of things.

"I am not out for publicity" was his first reply to the request for the facts set out above. None of the leaders of British trade in China are—the only respect in which they are old-fashioned. May the trait continue long, yielding only to recognition of the public's right to know in outline the story of the men to whose leadership it owes so much.

The number of persons unemployed on April 7 was 1,044,700—14,073 fewer than the previous week and 241,423 fewer than in December 31 last.

The London Gazette states that Lieut.-R. B. Fargher, late 5th Middlesex Regiment, on conviction by the Civil Power is deprived of the rank of Lieutenant.

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In a letter to *The Times* appealing for help to enable the committee to complete its task Lord Balfour (Chairman), Sir Charles Wakefield (Hon. Secretary), and Sir Israel Goldson (Hon. Secretary) write:—"It is our aim to present an adequate gift of books to replace the English section of the Library, not only as a token of British sympathy, but also as a tribute to the intellectual life of Japan; and we desire gratefully to record that already the response to our appeal has been most generous on the part of the learned societies and British publishers. Their generosity has been unstinted. At the same time, it will be readily understood that we can hardly expect to receive as free gift many works which are very costly or out of print. These we must purchase if we are to fill important gaps and make good our aim to present a carefully planned and co-ordinated collection of British books in the various categories of literature and knowledge. For this purpose we need a few thousand pounds, and accordingly we have opened an account at the Westminster Bank, Law Courts branch, 263, Strand, London, W.C.2, for the Tokyo Imperial University Library Fund. We beg leave to appeal to those who may be in sympathy with our aim to send to the bank contributions payable to the fund. We have already received some contributions to the fund and sundry promises. The honorary treasurer will gratefully acknowledge donations. He wishes to state that no portion of the contributions will be used for organizing or secretarial expenses. A record will in due course be prepared of all the gifts, books and money presented through the committee.

Communications may be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Sir I. Goldson, Tokyo Library Committee, Black's College, Strand, London, W.C.2. It is requested that in receipt of offers of books a list (not the books) should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

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A four-year-old girl, Phyllis Ruby Brown, on holiday with her parents at Lulworth, Broadstairs, was found in bed after having, it is supposed, been playing with a box of matches. She died later.

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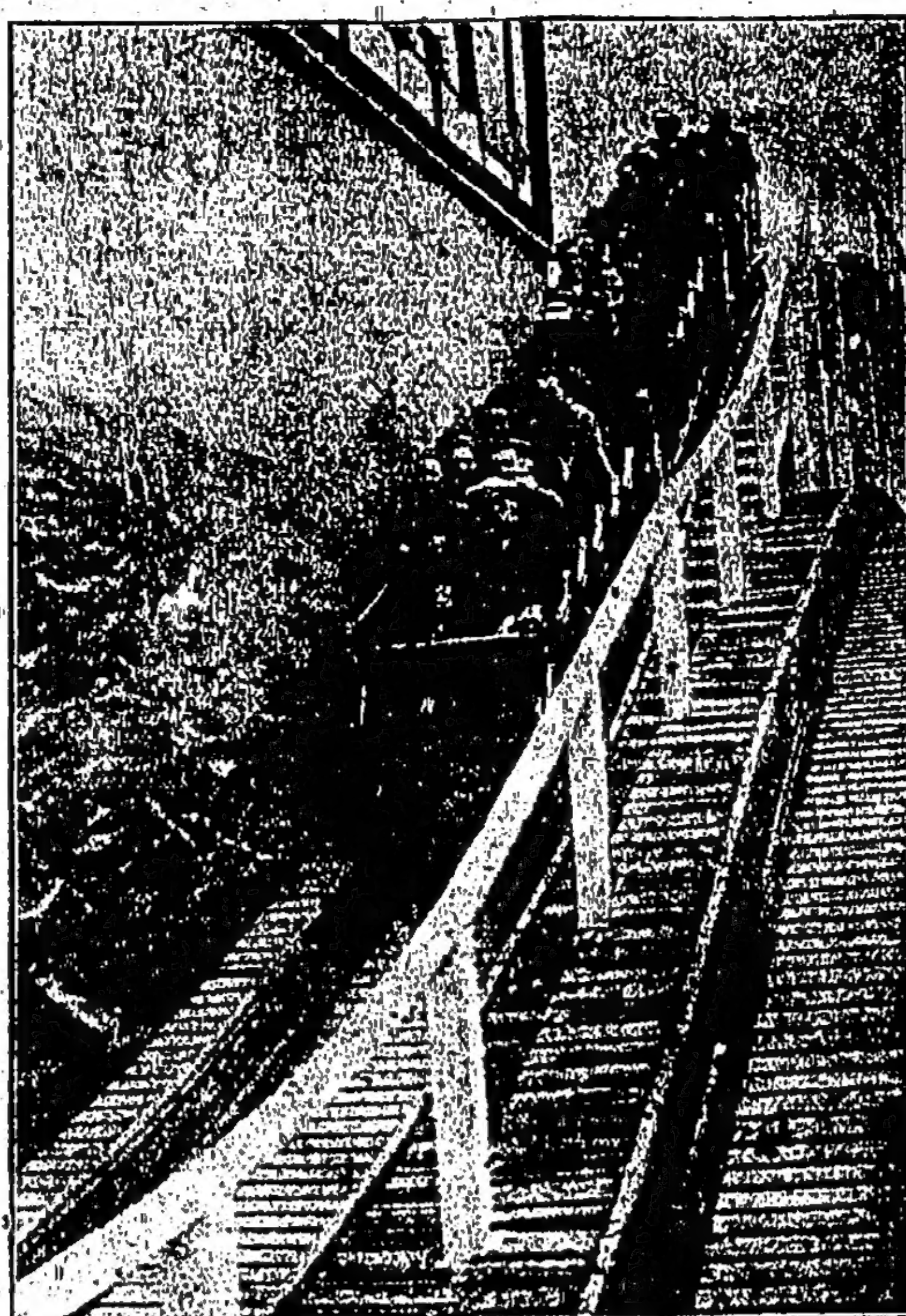


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Some of the first visitors to Wembley enjoying one of the Empire Exhibition's attractions—the switchback railway.

Amateur Theatricals at House-Party.



Photo by Central News. Block by Nam Sun.
A scene from John Drinkwater's "Mary Stuart" played at the Riding School, Hamilton Palace, at the coming-of-age celebrations of the Marquis of Clydesdale, the well known amateur boxer. The group is made up of "Mary Stuart" (in black dress)—Lady Jean Hamilton; "Mary Benton" (light dress)—Miss Durrell; "Darnley" (on right)—Mr. Vivian Bell; "Sir Thomas Randolph" (centre)—Rev. J. Rossie Brown; "Bothwell" (in kilt)—Lord Nigel Douglas Hamilton; "Rizzio" (with guitar)—Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton.

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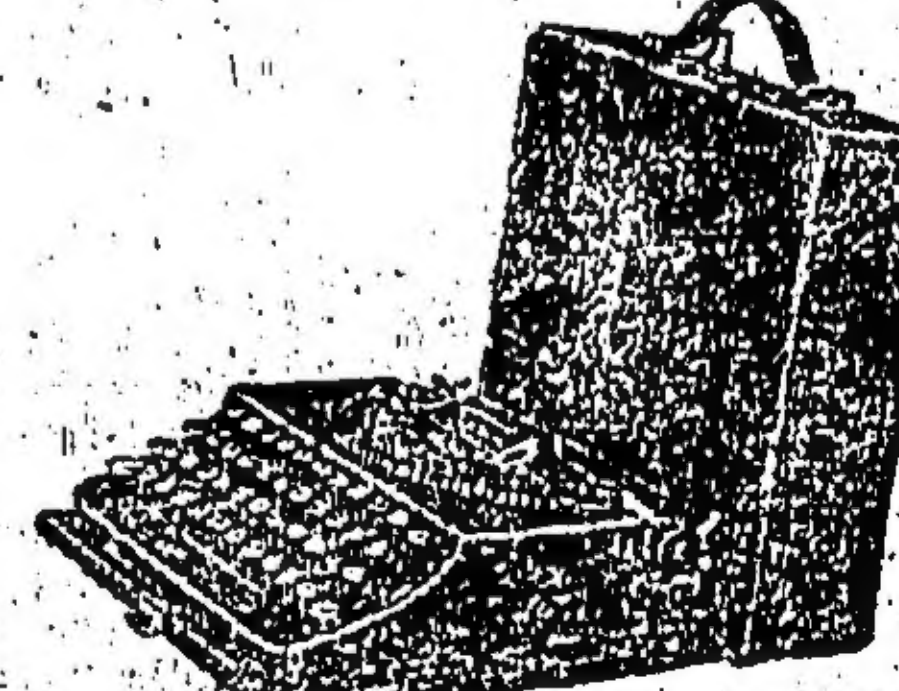
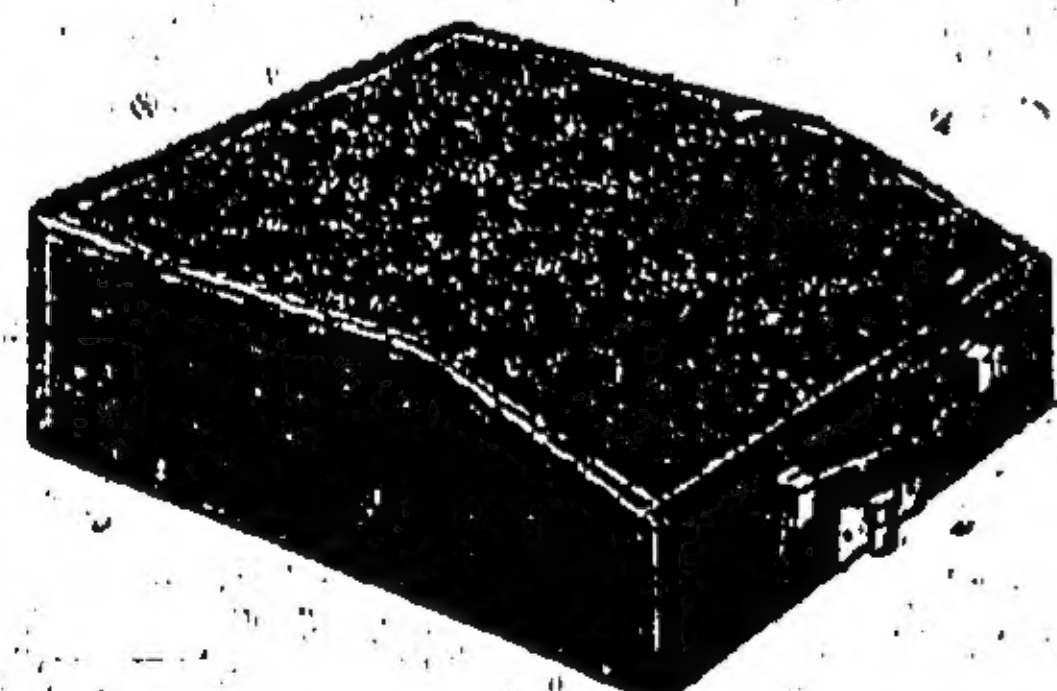
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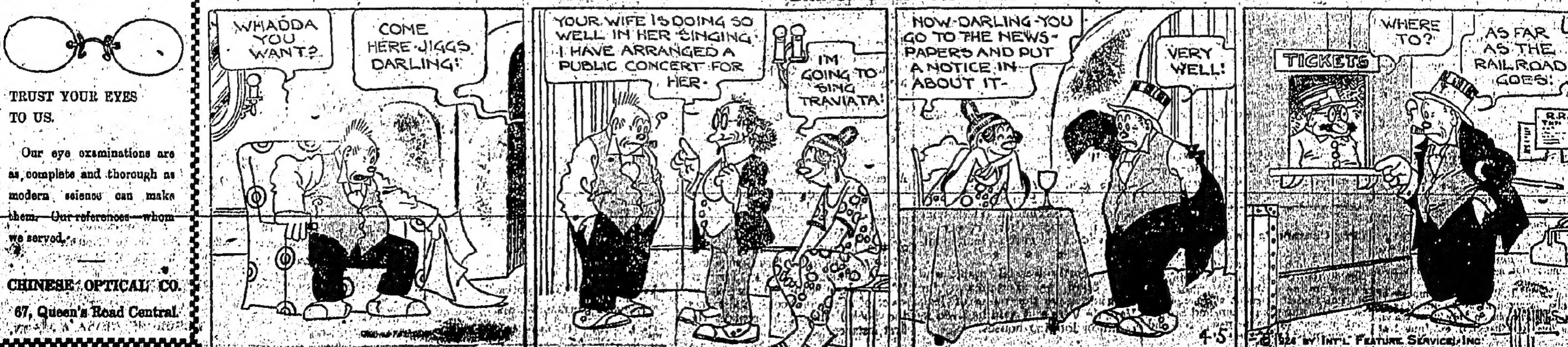
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Dryden, (Pacific Mail) from Manila—Off Steamers.

Muroran Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Moji—Kowloon Wharf.

Khiva, (P. & O.) from Kobe, Shanghai—At.

Hok Canton, (Hong Wh.) from Fort Bayard—Co's Wharf.

Tune, (Thoresen) from Colombo, West Point.

DEPARTURES.

Hai Hong, (Douglas & Co.) for Foochow, Swatow—May 30.

Talkwa Maru, (Y. K. K.) for Haiphong, Hoihow—May 30.

Bonvannooh, (Gibb Liv.) for Japan, Shanghai—May 30.

Morea, (P. & O.) for Kobe, Shanghai—May 30.

Iris, (A.P.C.) for Marseilles—May 30.

Thalatta, (Thoresen & Co.) for Japan, Shanghai—May 30.

Tai Shing, (I. M. & Co.) for Yokohama, Swatow—May 30.

Kailan, (B.I.S.N.) for Calcutta, Singapore—May 30.

Shanghai, (Brooklyn) for Shanghai—May 30.

Shanghai, (N.Y.K.) for Singapore—May 30.

RUSKIN AND A GIRL.

WHY SHE REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

Mr. A. C. Benson's "Memories and Friends," just published (Murray, 10s.), includes little intimate biographies, among others of Lady Penelope, (Dr. Waite, Oscar Browning, and Henry James. There is an interesting picture of Ruskin—induced to lecture at Eton—at a time when he was disillusioned and had "fallen deeply in love with a beautiful and accomplished girl, much younger than himself," who had refused to marry him "because of the unorthodoxy of his religious views and even at last to see him."

Ruskin was not equal, he said, to meeting people either before or after the lecture; he would "just deliver it and slip away." He was served with coffee in a comfortable parlour and left alone for an hour to prepare his notes. It appeared afterwards that he had forgotten, for the first time in his life, to bring his manuscript.

His reading voice impressed Mr. Benson, then a boy at Eton, as "very impressive though not natural."

It had something ghostly, remote, magical about it and gave one a curious shiver, almost. And even more impressive were the quick glance, half-friendly, half-remorseful of the pale eyes under the shaggy brows.

But the lecture was on the cathedrals of America and a great success.

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Splendour of the Heavens
Animals of All Countries
Pageant of Nature
Countries of the World, &c.
No. 12, D'Aguiar Street.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 30d. 11h. 40m.—Pressure has decreased slightly along the coast from Haiphong to Shanghai; it has increased very considerably over central and northern Japan, moderately over southern Japan, and slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone has gained intensity and is central in the Pacific to the south east of Japan. The trough remains stationary over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.85 inches, against an average of 23.93 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on May 31, 1924.

1.—Forecast Channel, N. winds, moderate.

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RETAIL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MAY 30, 1924, a.m.

Station.	Hours	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind	
					Direction.	Force. 10 miles
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